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***GENTIANOPSIS SIMPLEX***  
**HIKER'S GENTIAN**

Hiker's Gentian is an annual with erect, usually simple stems that are 10-20 cm tall. The 2-5 pairs of opposite leaves are broadly lance-shaped to ovate and are 1-6 cm long; the upper are longer and narrower. Foliage is glabrous. The flowers are solitary at the ends of the stems. The calyx is 15-20 mm long and has four deep lobes at its top. The deep blue, funnel shaped corolla is 20-40 mm long, four-parted, and lobed over nearly half its length. The lobes have small teeth along the sides but are rounded and entire-margined at the tips. Flowering in July-August.

This species can be distinguished from the more common *GENTIANOPSIS DETONSA* by the unbranched stems and entire-margined tips of the corolla lobes, and from *G. AQUATICA* by the blue corolla.